FISCAL NOTE HB 3909 - SB 3850

March 14, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a one-year expulsion for a student making a bomb threat to any school; however, the director of schools is authorized to modify this expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures –Less than \$100,000/BEP FY07-08 Decrease Local Govt. Revenues – Less than \$100,000/BEP FY07-08

Assumptions:

- Currently there is no consistent LEA policy dealing specifically with sanctions for students making bomb threats. It is assumed that the penalty would be severe; however, this issue is dealt with differently in each LEA.
- Such expulsion could reduce the amount of revenue generated by an LEA through the BEP if the LEA does not serve these students through an alternative school program where such students would continue to be included in the ADM for BEP funding purposes.
- The number of students receiving a sanction/expulsion based on making a bomb threat is estimated to be small. Therefore, it is estimated that state expenditures and local government revenues could each be reduced by an amount estimated to be less than \$100,000 due to the reduction in BEP funding provided by the state to LEAs based on the expulsion of certain students.
- A decrease in ADM in the 2006-07 school year would result in a decrease in state expenditures and a decrease in local government revenues in the 2007-08 school year since BEP funding to LEAs is based on the previous year's ADM.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director